GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1314
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INMATES IN TIHAR JAIL
SURESH KURUP

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of inmates in the Tihar Jail, Delhi;

(b) the number of them who are convicted;

(c) the number of inmates who are undertrial;

(d) whether the Government have any concrete plan to speed up the trail of the inmates; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): 11,587 prisoners were lodged in Tihar Jail as on 16th July, 2002 out of whom 2433 were convicts, 70 detenues and 9084 undertrials.

(d) and (e): The Hon`ble Chief Justice of India, had in his letter dated 29th November, 1999 addressed to the Chief Justices of the High Courts suggested that every Chief Metropolitan Magistrate or the Chief Judicial Magistrate of the area, in which a District jail falls, might hold his court, once or twice in a month, in jail to take up the cases of those under-trial prisoners who were involved in petty offences. Special Courts to try cases of under-trials who confess their involvement in petty offences are held in the Central Jail, Tihar Complex on a regular basis.